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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--8 SEPTEMBER 1962

1. CUBA:

A. WE ARE SEEING EVIDENCE THAT THE CUBAN NAVY MAY SOON BE GETTING ADDITIONAL SMALL CRAFT FROM THE USSR. [REDACTED] 50X1

B. [REDACTED] THE ALPHA-66 50X1
GROUP MAY ATTEMPT SOME SORT OF ACTION AGAINST CUBA THIS WEEK-
END, POSSIBLY A SMALL BOAT RAID OUT OF MIAMI LIKE THE ONE
PULLED OFF BY EXILED STUDENTS LAST MONTH.

C. MEXICO AND BRAZIL ARE SHOWING FURTHER SIGNS OF ALARM
OVER WHAT IS GOING ON IN CUBA [REDACTED] 50X1

[REDACTED] 50X1

2. LAOS

A. AN ICC SUPERVISORY TEAM ARRIVED AT THE NHOMMARATH
CHECKPOINT IN SOUTHERN LAOS YESTERDAY. THE NEXT STEP IS FOR
VIENTIANE TO NOTIFY ALL INTERESTED PARTIES THAT THE ICC IS ON
THE SCENE AT ALL CHECKPOINTS, AND THEREBY START THE CLOCK RUN-
NING ON THE 30-DAY PERIOD FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES.

B. IN THE HINTERLAND, NEUTRALIST FORCES ARE STILL BEING
KEPT OUT OF COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED TERRITORY. [REDACTED] 50X1

[REDACTED] 50X1

C. THE SOUVANNA GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO HOLD UP RECOGNITION OF THE EAST GERMAN REGIME, AND IS THINKING OF WORKING OUT SOME SORT OF COMMERCIAL OR CONSULAR ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD NOT BE OBJECTIONABLE TO WEST GERMANY.

IT APPEARS

THAT NATIONALIST CHINA YESTERDAY BROKE RELATIONS WITH LAOS AS A RESULT OF VIENTIANE'S RECOGNITION OF PEIPING. SOUTH VIETNAM'S DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO GO ALONG WITH A "TWO VIETNAMS" SITUATION IS HANGING IN THE BALANCE.

3. VIETNAM:

4. COMMUNIST CHINA/INDIA:

PEIPING'S LATEST REJECTION OF NEW DELHI'S PROPOSAL FOR PRELIMINARY TALKS ON THE SINO-INDIAN BORDER DISPUTE PRETTY CLEARLY REFLECTS ITS CONVICTION THAT A HARD-NOSED ATTITUDE PAYS. THE CHINESE MAY BE MISREADING INDIA'S DETERMINATION TO STICK TO ITS CLAIMS, BUT PROBABLY FEEL CONFIDENT THAT, WITH MILITARY SKIRMISHING

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SOON TO BE CURTAILED BY THE APPROACH OF WINTER, THERE IS NOTHING TO LOSE BY WAITING TO SEE WHETHER THE INDIANS WILL BE MORE FORTH-COMING THE NEXT TIME THEY COME AROUND.

5. NOTES

A. HONG KONG:

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B. FRANCE-ALGERIA: PROSPECTS FOR FRENCH-ALGERIAN COOPERATION HAVE IMPROVED RECENTLY AS THE QUAI D'ORSAY IS TAKING A MORE RELAXED VIEW OF BEN BELLA PERSONALLY, AND ASSERTING THERE SHOULD BE NO GREAT PROBLEM IN DEALING WITH A GOVERNMENT UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP.

C. UAR: NASIR APPEARS SHAKEN BY LAST MONTH'S DEFECTION OF ONE OF HIS TOP INTELLIGENCE MEN AND APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES OF SAUDI-FINANCED EGYPTIAN EXILES.

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[REDACTED]

D.E. IRAN: THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT AGRARIAN DIS-
CONTENT WILL SPILL OVER INTO WIDESPREAD VIOLENCE BEFORE THE
SHAH'S MEN IN TEHRAN END THEIR BICKERING OVER HOW TO GO ABOUT
LAND REFORM. SPORADIC CLASHES BETWEEN PEASANTS AND SECURITY
FORCES ARE ALREADY OCCURRING IN THE IMPOVERISHED NORTHWEST,
WHERE LANDLORDS AND LOCAL POLICE SEEM TO BE COLLABORATING TO
BLOCK THE SHAH'S PROGRAM.

E.F. USSR-AFRICA: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE SOVIET AIRLINE WILL COMMENCE WEEKLY SERVICE
TO MOROCCO, GUINEA AND GHANA [REDACTED].

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